

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): ~~The A~~ rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing rolling and pressing an electrode structure as claimed in Claim 1, wherein which has a powdered electrode active substance adhered to a current collecting material, said rolling apparatus comprising:

a pair of work rolls rolling and pressing the electrode structure therebetween;

a pair of backup rolls, wherein each of the backup rolls generates a pressing force onto each work roll;

a pressuring device pressing said backup rolls toward the work roll side; and

a drive unit rotating said work rolls, wherein each of said backup roll rolls has an elastic material coated on its surface.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) ~~The rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 1~~ Claim 3, which further comprises a work roll housing having an axle receive of said work roll inside and a housing having an axle receive of each roll inside, wherein a spacer is positioned between the respective housings.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A The rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure in which a powdered electrode active substance is adhered to the current collecting member, comprising: as is claimed in Claim 3, wherein a~~

~~a first work roll and a second work roll having an electrode structure therebetween, a backup roll, generating a pressing force onto the surface of the other work roll, a pressure device pressing the backup roll toward the work roll side, and a drive unit rotating the work roll~~

diameter of one of said work roll is larger than a diameter of the remaining work roll.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~The rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 5~~ Claim 3, wherein the diameter of said backup roll is larger than the diameter of said work roll.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~The rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 5~~ Claim 4, wherein the diameter of said backup roll has an elastic material coated on its surface is larger than the diameter of said work roll.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~The rolling apparatus for rolling/pressing an electrode structure as is claimed in Claim 5~~ Claim 3, which further comprises a work roll housing having an axle receive of said work roll inside and a housing having an axle receive of each roll inside, wherein a spacer is positioned between the respective housings.

Claims 9-12 (Withdrawn)

Claim 13 (New): A rolling apparatus for rolling and pressing an electrode structure which has a powdered electrode active substance adhered to a current collecting material, said rolling apparatus comprising:

a pair of work rolls rolling and pressing the electrode structure therebetween;
a backup roll which generates a pressing force directly onto one of said work rolls;
a pressuring device pressing said backup roll toward the work roll side; and
a drive unit rotating said work rolls, wherein
said backup roll has an elastic material coated thereon.

Claim 14 (New): The rolling apparatus as is claimed in Claim 13, which further comprises a work roll housing having an axle receive of said work roll inside and a housing having an axle receive of each roll inside, wherein a spacer is positioned

between the respective housings.

Claim 15 (New): The rolling apparatus as is claimed in Claim 13, wherein a diameter of one of said work rolls is larger than a diameter of the remaining work roll.

Claim 16 (New): The rolling apparatus as is claimed in Claim 15, wherein the work roll with the smaller diameter is positioned between the back up roll and the work roll with the larger diameter.